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Assassination Aftermath

Security Situation -- AFP characterized the atmosphere in Cairo as calm immediately after the shooting of President Anwar as-Sadat and into the following morning. It said security arrangements around the late president's home had been eased while security around the national broadcasting offices and other key locations was still "massive."

Abu Ghazalah on Assassins -- Cairo radio cited AL-AKHBAR as reporting that Defense Minister Lt Gen 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah had identified the persons responsible for killing President as-Sadat as one officer and three civilians. He went on to say that they do not belong to any organization within the armed forces.

People's Assembly Session -- In a Cairo radio relay of the 7 October People's Assembly session, Deputy Speaker Sayyid Zaki read an assembly resolution expressing that body's unanimous decision to nominate Vice President Husni Mubarak to the post of president. Later in the proceedings, Zaki read a message from Mubarak in which he accepted the nomination.

13 October Referendum -- Cairo radio reported that the referendum on the People's Assembly nominee for president, Vice President Mubarak, is to be held on 13 October. The radio had previously reported that the voting was to take place on 12 October.

'Ali on Peace Process -- According to MENA, Foreign Minister Kamal Hasah 'Ali has emphasized the Egyptian policy toward the peace process will continue, as stated by Vice President Mubarak in his 6 October statement. He added that established timetables will remain unchanged and working groups will convene meetings on schedule.

Begin Message to Mubarak -- Jerusalem radio broadcast a communique issued after a special session of the Israeli Cabinet. It indicated that Prime Minister Menahem Begin had sent a telegram of condolences to Vice President Mubarak expressing confidence that "President as-Sadat's peace legacy" would continue. The communique noted the Cabinet's decision that Begin will represent Israel at As-Sadat's funeral on 10 October. However, a later radio report said that Egyptian authorities have doubts about security arrangements for the Israeli leader, indicating that he may not therefore be allowed to attend.

Egyptian National Front Statements -- In a statement broadcast by Tripoli radio, Egyptian National Front Secretary General Lt Gen Sa'd ad-Din ash-Shadhli stressed that his organization does not consider Vice President Mubarak responsible for all the "errors" of As-Sadat's regime. Ash-Shadhli called on Mubarak to take a "good initiative" by releasing all political detainees, abolishing the state of emergency and freezing all the "fascist repressive laws" issued by As-Sadat, notably the "law of shame" and the laws governing the press and the bar. The Egyptian National Front's attitude toward the new leadership will be governed by the extent it fulfills these demands, he indicated. The statement also carried a strong warning to foreign powers against "any form of intervention," asserting that the struggle for power inside Egypt concerns only the Egyptian people. Identifying itself as the Voice of Arab Egypt, Tripoli Voice of Arab Homeland radio later broadcast another statement by Ash-Shadhli that called on the Egyptian people to stage "stormy popular demonstrations" in the name of freedom and democracy and for the release of detainees. Ash-Shadhli urged the armed forces and police to support such demonstrations and ignore orders to oppose them.

Madrid radio reported that the Egyptian National Front told EFE that General Ash-Shadhli had no direct connection with the attack on As-Sadat.

Further Middle East Reaction to Assassination -- Manama radio carried a statement by Bahraini Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Jahad Salim al-'Urayyidh asserting that despite Bahrain's disagreement with President as-Sadat's approach to the Palestinian question, it denounces all violence and extends condolences to the victims' families and to the Egyptian people. The Lebanese Christian border enclave Voice of Hope radio accused Libyan leader Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi of planning the assassination and urged the Egyptian people to punish him as soon as possible.

Among further comment hostile to As-Sadat, Iranian deputy Foreign Minister Ahmad 'Azizi said in a Tehran radio interview that the United States may find another "filthy pawn" to replace As-Sadat and asserted that the Americans are afraid of the "revolutionary rage" of the Egyptian people. He said the assassination serves as a warning to the "mercenary pro-American governments in the region" that pretended to oppose As-Sadat while in reality serving the United States and Israel. Reporting from Beijing, AFP noted that while Chinese officials expressed sorrow over As-Sadat's death, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, currently on a visit to the PRC, said without referring directly to As-Sadat that the world is witnessing the initial breakdown of the Camp David agreement, marked by the collapse of one of its symbols. Meanwhile, the Jordanian paper AD-DUSTUR, reviewed by Amman radio, said As-Sadat had failed to offer the Egyptian people a convincing alternative to pan-Arabism and could maintain neither Egypt's independence nor its neutrality. Asserting that a special phase of Egyptian history ended with the death of As-Sadat, AD-DUSTUR warned that Egypt's new rulers will only cause more problems and suffering for their country if they persist in As-Sadat's policies. The Voice of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman, broadcasting from Aden, claimed that Omani Sultan Qabus ibn Sa'id is "not far from the same end as As-Sadat."

Libyan Opposition

SUNA reported the announcement in Khartoum of the formation of the Libyan National Salvation Front, an organization proposing to eliminate Colonel al-Qadhdhafi and establish democracy in Libya. The announcement was made at a press conference by Dr Muhammad Yosuf al-Muqaryif, the front's spokesman. He said the front's membership includes a number of former Al-Qadhdhafi government officials and Revolution Command Council members, diplomats, officers, intellectuals, professors, businessmen and students. Al-Muqaryif went on to say that the struggle against Al-Qadhdhafi will be waged in the military, propaganda and political spheres. The text of a statement issued by the front on 7 October and carried by SUNA said that after overthrowing the Libyan leader a presidential council and a provisional government are to be formed and that this would be followed first by general elections for a constituent assembly and later by elections to select a head of state.

Iran

Uproar Over Bazargan Speech -- In a speech to the Majlis broadcast live by Tehran radio, former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan described the current violence in Iran as a "terrifying fire" from which everyone will suffer. Asserting that innocent people are being killed and injured in the streets and in their homes for no reason, he said dissidents "sacrificed" in the streets and revolution courts for their criticism and deviation "are our dearest ones and are the hope of the country." He said neither the clergy nor the dissidents have links with the United States and asked rhetorically why people consider the spilling of each other's blood justifiable and even obligatory. Soon after he said this, other Majlis deputies interrupted him, accused him of links with America and forced him to stop speaking. According to the radio, which cut its live transmission of the session during the uproad over Bazargan's remarks, a number of deputies walked out in protest and the session briefly adjourned. The radio also noted that a group of bazaar merchants and employees subsequently marched to the Majlis building to protest Bazargan's remarks. They chanted slogans against America and liberals and approved a resolution calling for a purge of liberal deputies from the Majlis.

Air Crash Claim -- Mohsen Reza'i, revolution guards commander, told a press conference, according to AFP, that the 29 September C-130 crash that took the lives of Iranian military leaders may have been caused by electronic interference generated by U.S. AWACS aircraft or the actions of American agents.

Iraq-Iran Conflict

Tehran radio claimed that an Iranian fighter shot down an Iraqi plane before it was able to complete its bombing mission on the Abadan front. The radio also broadcast an Iranian Armed Forces communique that admitted the loss on 6 October of an Iranian fighter aircraft in the Al-Faw region of Iraq. From the Iraqi side, an armed forces communique transmitted by INA said antiaircraft defenses downed an enemy plane in the southern sector of the battlefield.

Kuwaiti-Iranian Relations

KUNA reported that Kuwaiti foreign minister Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad as-Sabah sent a message to the UN Security Council accusing the Iranian Air Force of repeatedly attacking Kuwaiti border positions. Calling on the UN Security Council to adopt measures to prevent Iran from such incidents, Shaykh Sabah said Iran will bear "full responsibility" for any repetition of these incidents, which will prove without doubt that Iran is attacking Kuwaiti positions deliberately. Meanwhile, INA cited the Kuwaiti paper AL-ANBA' as reporting that Kuwaiti planes intercepted and drove off three Iranian aircraft violating Kuwaiti airspace on 6 October.

Lebanon

The Voice of Lebanon radio reported that parts of the Sannin heights came under heavy artillery fire from Syrian and allied batteries on the afternoon of 7 October.

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BAKHTAR CITES KARMAL ON 'ID AL-ADHA AMNESTY

LD081020 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0430 GMT 8 Oct 81

[Text] Kabul, 7 Oct (BAKHTAR) -- Babrak Karmal today reiterated the declaration of the Government of the DRA for amnesty for all those Afghan nationals who, deceived by the enemies, are pitted against the people and revolution and who voluntarily surrender to the authorities of the DRA.

In a message of greetings addressed to the people of Afghanistan on the eve of 'Id al-Adha, the general secretary of the PDPA CC and the president of the Revolutionary Council also repeated the offer of complete and general amnesty for all those nomads and Afghan citizens who had been compelled to leave the country under the influence of imperialist and reactionary propaganda and coercion or due to the terror and suffocation of Amin's regime and who now wished to return to country and cooperate with their government.

Babrak Karmal noted that the Afghan people were celebrating 'Id al-Adha in conditions when the country has scored new revolutionary successes in repulsing the aggression of reaction and imperialism and the construction of a blossoming society based on social justice, and when in line with values and ideals of the new and evolutionary phase of the April Revolution complete freedom for performing religious rites has been guaranteed.

Touching upon regional and international problems, Babrak Karmal noted with regret that the fratricidal and meaningless war between two neighbouring countries still continues. He expressed his firm belief that this war did not accord with the interests of the peoples of either Iraq or Iran. It is only imperialism headed by the U.S. imperialism, he added, which in collusion with Chinese hegemonism is making use of this war to meet its criminal ends.

Pointing out to the profoundly critical and dangerous situation which has developed in the Gulf region and South Asia as a result of nefarious plans and criminal actions of imperialism, he said that imperialism is trying to convert this region into a permanent hotbed of war in order to impose its greety oil interests on the countries of the region, and to justify its policy of intensification of arms race, arming of reactionary regimes in the region and creation of new military bases and new regional gendarmes.

Babrak Karmal said that the interest of peace and security in the region and the world and the obligations of the peoples of the region dictate that a consistent and joint struggle be waged against these imperialist attempts and against the intensification of arms race and for peace and security of peoples and detente.

In his message Babrak Karmal extended sincere greetings to all Muslim peoples of the world, the Pushton and Baluch brothers and the brotherly and neighbourly people of Iran and Pakistan.

FOREIGN MINISTER DOST RETURNS FROM UN

LD061700 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Oct 81

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs of the DRA and leader of the Afghan delegation to the 36th UN General Assembly, returned to Kabul today. He was welcomed at Kabul International Airport by Mohammad Khan Jalalar, minister of commerce; the general political director of the Foreign Ministry and a number of high-ranking officials; F.A. Tabayev, Soviet ambassador in Kabul; and the UNDP chief in Kabul.

Shah Mohammad Dost said during his participation in the 36th UN General Assembly in New York; he met with a large number of foreign ministers of friendly countries and discussed topics of interest with them.

The minister of foreign affairs also met with the UN secretary general several times, during which they discussed important international affairs, the situation in the region, and the agenda of the UN General Assembly. The foreign minister described the meetings as fruitful and beneficial.

REZA'I ALLEGES U.S. INTERFERENCE IN C-130 CRASH

NC071617 Paris AFP in English 1559 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Text] Tehran, 7 Oct (AFP) -- The chief of Iran's revolutionary guards said today the electronic interference from U.S. radar reconnaissance planes could have triggered the crash of a transport jet that killed several top military officials last week.

Mohsen Reza'i told a news conference that the cause of the September 30 crash of the Hercules C-130 transport that killed the defense minister and other military officials was not yet clear."

But he said that the investigation by aviation authorities had turned up "some interesting results."

"There exist other possibilities: The American AWACS (Airborne Warning and Controls Systems planes) could have disrupted the electronic system of the plane, or beyond that, it could have been an action by American agents."

Mr Reza'i said that while it had been normal for senior officials to ride planes carrying Iranian military casualties, the practice has now been halted for security reasons.

GUARDS CORPS SENDS MESSAGE TO EGYPTIANS

LD071212 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Message sent by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps to the Egyptian people following the death of Anwar as-Sadat]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the crusher of the oppressers. [passage indistinct] Brother Muslim and revolutionary nation of Egypt: May God's greetings, mercy, prosperity and victory be upon you.

Now that the ruling pharaoh of Egypt has suffered a fate (?similar) to that of the traitor shah, and has gone to hell, it is up to you to advance, like the risen people of Iran, united and under the leadership of the committed, ideological and struggling clergymen, by relying on God, to the complete downfall of the regime of the American mercenaries and the allies of the traitor As-Sadat.

Beside the Muslim and revolutionary people of Iran, and following the instructions of the commander and the esteemed leader, Imam Khomeyni, the Guards Corps declares its all-round support for you the risen nation of Egypt. The Guards Corps brings you the promise of the triumph of God as said in the Koran: "With God's help, victory is near."

May peace be upon you.

[Signed] The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Iran

YASUJ CITIZENS CELEBRATE AS-SADAT'S DEATH

GF071619 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Text] The faithful, Muslim people of Yasuj -- having heard the news of the destruction of Anwar as-Sadat, Egyptian president for life -- rushed into the streets chanting "God is great" and "Death to America" and began celebrating. According to a PARS report the residents of the city expressed their delight by chanting Islamic and revolutionary slogans on the death of the mercenary As-Sadat, who was a U.S. and Israeli servant.

In cities and districts throughout Pars Province, many people celebrated the death of the Egyptian ruler by chanting "God is great."

BAZARGAN SPEECH DISRUPTS MAJLIS SESSION

Bazargan Remarks

GF071406 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0504 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Remarks by former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan during the 7 October Majlis session in Tehran -- live]

[Excerpts] What you will hear shortly will not be a political speech nor an argument to defend something. It may be a tiresome description of a passionate heart's grievance and a prayer from a person who has spent years of his life hoping to safeguard the liberation and independence of the dear Iranian nation and to achieve justice and Islam in the face of oppression, tyranny and despotism. We who have exerted many efforts, have had successes and have suffered. At the beginning of the revolution, we expressed support for its leader and faithfully and devotedly cooperated and accepted responsibilities at the request of his honor [Khomeyni]. Now, in the last days of my life when I wish to join God, I tolerate -- with pride and patience -- the threats and accusations that are the revolutionary rewards of outspoken and frank service.

As a deputy of the citizens of Tehran, and at the request of a large number of compatriots who want to see the implementation of [words indistinct], I am dutybound to convey the message of God's people. Relying on God, I will try to convey what I say and believe, and I hope that my message will contain the truth.

It is regrettable that we should have to admit that a terrifying fire [atash-e mohib] has started in our dear country and is threatening the nation, the government and religion. There are not many who are prepared to fight the fire, and some are trying to intensify it and spread it to others. Everyone will suffer. The theological centers are losing their flowers [words indistinct]. Irreplaceable and valuable brothers from the government, army, Guard Corps and committees are being martyred. With their martyrdom, the nation's wealth is being wasted, and innocent persons are being killed and injured in the streets and in their homes for no reason. Moreover, girls and boys -- those who support or are affiliated (?with organizations) or those who are nonaligned and neutral -- are being sacrificed in the streets and revolution courts for their criticism and deviation. These youths are our dearest ones and are the hope of this country. Have they been trapped in this slippery bowl through love, madness, guilt or a desire to sacrifice themselves?

While everyone calls the opposition hypocrites, reactionaries, anti-Islamic or imperialist agents, none of our esteemed clergy were imported from the United States. None of our combatant youths were born to or raised by American families, which they would have to have been in order to call them mercenaries. Why do people consider spilling each other's blood justifiable and even obligatory? Moreover, it is even more unfortunate that the results of this aggression and cruelty increase dissatisfaction, fuel vendettas and turn people against the revolution and religion. It will stain the prestige and righteousness of Islam throughout the world... [at this point, the Majlis deputies begin shouting at Bazargan and force him to stop his speech. Deputies can be heard shouting "He is American!" "Death to the American lackey!" "Death to America!"]

Rafsanjani Speech

LD071532 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Excerpts] The Central News Unit reports that the Islamic Consultative Assembly held an open session this morning.

The preagenda speaker at the open session of the Majlis was Mr Bazargan, who made remarks in connection with mohareb [those who have waged war on God] minigroups and those who have protested at the punishment of those groups.

This led to protests by the people's representatives in the Islamic Consultative Assembly. At today's open session, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani discussed Bazargan's statement, particularly his remarks concerning domestic matters relating to the country's terrorist situation. The matter was raised by Bazargan in such a way as to make it appear that these terrorists are not American agents and that it is solely a domestic affair. Some of the deputies protested against this interpretation, and then some others joined the protesters and eventually left the session. In order to avoid disruption, today's session was temporarily adjourned. It has since resumed.

Resuming his speech, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly said: The developments that are important today and that will certainly have an impact on the region or perhaps the world are connected with one another like links in a chain. The gentlemen recall that for 3 or 4 days now there has been a conspiracy against Iran, unfortunately with Kuwait being either deceived or taken in, wittingly or unwittingly, 1 day after the brilliant victory.

When the reactionaries in the region realized that Iran would certainly be victorious in this war, America hatched a plot, which is being implemented by reaction in the region. Our aircraft, which have not even gotten close to the Kuwaiti border, are alleged to have bombed one of the Kuwaiti oil installations -- and on a day when we did not even have a flight in the south. The initial evidence was that American AWACS aircraft had traced the movement of three of our Phantoms. It was admitted later that Kuwaiti radar did not even record the event because, it was alleged, we were flying at a low altitude.

The question arose as to why there was no strike if indeed the event had been recorded. Why wasn't it stopped? Forced to answer their own people, the Kuwaitis admitted: We did not record it.

Their evidence amounts to a piece of an American-made bomb that they found. People on the scene say it is not clear whether the fire in the oil installations was the result of bombing. It is possible that it could have been the result of a plot by America, Kuwait itself, Saudi Arabia or Iraq -- we don't know.

However, we proposed that a technical and political commission should go and investigate the matter. It could be made up of members from other countries as well. We stand by this proposal as a way of clearing up the matter. The interesting point is that many of the reactionary countries in the region coordinated in advance in order to denounce Iran, to create an anti-Iranian, anti-Islamic and counterrevolutionary wave.

Connected with this matter and at stake is an $8.5-billion deal for America to deliver arms, such as AWACS and others, to Saudi Arabia. Zionists are exerting pressure in the U.S. Congress to prevent this deal from being concluded, because the Zionists believe such deals are dangerous for Israel. Therefore, the United States had to do some stage managing in order to obtain the vote to enable Saudi Arabia to purchase the arms. If Saudi Arabia were to purchase the arms and in fact use them against Israel, we would have no objection to being the accused in this allegation [of bombing Kuwaiti oil installations] if it were to make it possible to acquire arms to use against Israel. But unfortunately, we know that this is not true either. We know that the AWACS claimed to have traced our aircraft, but the same AWACS ignored the Israeli aircraft that flew to Iraq and bombed the nuclear plant.

Only yesterday an Israeli boat that had run aground was refloated with Saudi help. We are certain that the arms that this country gets will be used against the region's people and revolutions. These AWACS planes will never be under the control of Saudi Arabia. They will be in the hands of America. The other reactionary countries in the region, because of their low intelligence, or because they are a tool, make Iran a victim in order to create a favorable atmosphere in America for votes on the sale of arms. That is why they make this ugly allegation, and Kuwait, wittingly or unwittingly, has become an agent in this and has created this ugly anti-Islamic and counterrevolutionary matter.

Moreover, a country such as Aden [as heard], which claims to be leftist and which sees itself as one of the progressive countries, also blindly condemns the purported action. This development is a very ugly one, and we hope that, through subsequent political moves, we will be able to expose the enemy's hands.

Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani also said the event in Egypt yesterday is an extremely important development for the region. At the heart of the matter and what is extremely important is that it should be a lesson to those in charge of Islamic countries; they should realise that no way other than that of Islam and of the people will succeed in the region.

The day As-Sadat went to Israel and prayed in Al-Aqba Mosque he had then dug his grave; since then he has held his position by the use of force. Whatever differences there might be among the people, the Muslim people, particularly the Arab people, are united against Israel. When yesterday's incident in Egypt took place, the Israeli Embassy was cordoned off and its staff were moved away by helicopter. It is clear where the matter stems from; Egyptian leaders realize what the solution to the matter is and where its connection lies; or why Numayri, who was an As-Sadat follower, goes into hiding, that is to say, the development is clear to those who are involved in it. [sentence as heard] It is the people now, be they Muslim or non-Muslim.

At present in the Arab world, betrayal of the Palestine aspiration and the people's aspiration vis-a-vis the usurper Israel is not acceptable. We hope that other leaders -- Saudi, Moroccan, Tunisian, Sudanese, Jordanian and those in whose countries usurpers are ruling -- learn a lesson and realise that the way is not that which they have adopted. They should come and join us with one voice. They should follow the path of the people aimed at crushing Israeli and ousting America from the region so that security may be established in the region.

You know that once again a wave of peace moves have started and that all these are interconnected. The Kuwait issue, our victory and this new development are all connected; from the start we have stated we were not seeking war and that Islamic countries should not get involved in this plot with no reason, thinking that in this way they would come to the end of the war. [sentence as heard] They should show frankness and sincerity. The frankness of the matter is that Iraq has committed aggression against us and has occupied our country and laid waste tens of thousands of manpower resources and caused much damage. From the outset we said we will fight to defend ourselves for as long as an Iraqi soldier is on our land. We have nothing else to say. Iraq should leave, a tribunal should be held, aggressors be identified, war reparations be paid -- then there will no longer be a war. We repeat what we have said before: Iran sees no need for war; if you impose a war on us we have nothing else to do except defend ourselves. We have said this right from the start.

We hope that the fate experienced by the Egyptian pharaoh will become a lesson for those in charge of Islamic countries, so that, God willing, it may lead to a way to unite the people of the region against Israel. May God will it that those who shoulder future responsibilities in Egypt will not continue As-Sadat's policy.

[Following the report on Hashemi-Rafsanjani's Majlis remarks, the radio notes "Today's open session ended at noon and the next open session of the Majlis will be held at 0800 tomorrow]

Anti-Bazargan Demonstration

LD071848 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, following Mr Mehdi Bazargan's speech in today's Majlis open session, a group of Tehran bazaar mercharts and employees staged a march from the bazaar to the Majlis building to voice their protest and then assembled in front of the Majlis building.

Holding pictures of Imam Khomeyni, colors of the Islamic Republic of Iran and slogans against Mr Bazargan's stands and his speech today, the demonstrators chanted "Death to America" and "Death to the liberals." Later, they staged a mass prayer on the sidewalk under the leadership of Hojjat Ol-Eslam Khonsari.

Following the mass prayer, Mr Khamoushi, the Guild Affairs Committee secretary, briefly addressed the gathering. Referring to the liberal and counterrevolutionary stands taken by a number of the Majlis deputies, Mr Khamoushi said: While world Muslims encouraged by the Islamic revolution of Iran have started anti-imperialist movements, a number of well-known personalities in the country and even in the Majlis are trying to underestimate these Islamic activities. However, the Muslim and struggling people of Iran will not abandon its struggle against oppression until the day the rule of God is established throughout the world.

He later read out the five-part resolution which was compiled and approved by the gathering. The resolution calls for purging the Majlis of those liberal deputies who insulted the Islamic revolution, the Muslim nation and the revolutionary organs which sprang from the revolutionary people.

The demonstrators reaffirmed their allegiance to the nation's imam in order to aid the Islamic revolution until the establishment of the mahdi's rule throughout the world.

Later Hojjat ol-Eslam Rezvani, a Majlis deputy, joined the demonstrators and addressed the gathering. In his remarks, Hojjat ol-Eslam Rezvani elaborated on the character of the liberals and their policies and on the provocations they immediately launch each time a blow is dealt to America. He said: They sting like a scorpion and wait for their opponents to die. During the traitor Bani-Sadr's presidency, they stung this nation.

Following the martyrdom of Islam's best sons, such as Beheshti, Raja'i, Bahonar and the commanders of Islam's combatants, they have now come to the Majlis to see the effect of their actions. He added: These liberals have no commitment to the Islamic revolution or to Iran's valiant nation.

KDP'S QASEMLU SENDS MESSAGE TO NATION

JN071719 (Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Surani Kurdish 1330 GMT 4 Oct 81

[Excertps] Dear listeners: As we have promised, Dr Abdorrahman Qasemlu, secretary general of the Kurdish Democratic Party [KDP], has the following message for you:

[Begin recording] Dear citizens, oh militant Iranian peoples, brother hero peshmerga [words indistinct], dear brothers and sisters: In the name of the KDP Central Committee I extend to you warm greetings and wish you all continued good health [words indistinct] the bloody struggle of the Iranian peoples.

We are experiencing difficult and hard circumstances. Therefore, we would like to explain to you some of the issues that are related to our dear citizens. We say that Iran is anticipating bloody events and that Khomeyni is steadily approaching his end. This Khomeyni and his clique are still pursuing the free and revolutionary militants all over Iran and are mercilessly suppressing them and executing scores of free men in various Iranian cities. At the same time, the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic launched a large attack on the toiler inhabitants of Kordestan.

The Khomeyni regime has imposed a bloody war on the Iranian peoples [words indistinct]. This regime is trying to employ every possible means to benefit from its war on Kordestan. The regime is, therefore, using some agent groups who have sold themselves to the devil. The regime knows very well that the officers and NCO's are not ready to fight for the sake of the interests of charlatans and reactionaries.

Many of the guard members are fleeing to Kordestan because they are realizing that it is wrong to fight against the democratic powers in Kordestan.

However, the traitors in northern Kordestan are still fighting against the Kurdish people. They are collaborating with the mercenaries of the provisional leadership, with Mossad and the CIA agent [words indistinct].

For whose sake are they striking at the interests of the Kurdish people? Naturally, for the sake of imperailism. In full coordination with the Khomeyni guards, these mercenaries launched an attack on Oshnoviyeh, killing many innocent citizens.

People may wonder why the KDP has allowed the provisional leadership to operate in Iranian Kordestan, thus giving them the chance to stab the Kurdish people in the back. We say that our party has always expressed its readiness to allow any militant Kurdish and free national to report to Iranian Kordestan. Our party then realized that the leaders of the provisional leadership were ready to work as mercenaries. Our party was aware of the fact that persons like Idris Barzani are collaborating with U.S. spies. Moreover, Iranian Kordestan was full of the homeless and refugees and we did not want to expel all those simply because their leaders are traitors. Some of the provisional Kordestan secretly and tried to appear as repenters who regretted what they had done during the shah's days.

We gave them the benefit of the doubt and hoped that this time they would not repeat their mistakes. Yet Idris Barzani's clique unveiled its treason against the Kurdish people in Iran and joined the guards and Khomeyni army in fighting against the Kurdish people. They tried to camouflage their intentions by the story of the attack on the remains of Mustafa Barzani. They even accused our party of concoting this attack despite the fact that our party had frequently announced that the attack was immoral and inhuman. [passage indistinct]

Dear citizens: The armed elements of the provisional leadership carried out the orders of their overlords and launched an attack on Iranian Kordestan which is under the KDP peshmerga. The inhabitants and the peshmerga found themselves forced to fight and defend their land. The clashes between the two sides resulted in many martyrs among the peshmerga.

This is a very strange and unusual matter. Why did they impose this meaningless fighting on the Kurdish people? Who benefited from this fighting but the Khomeyni regime? Taking advantage of what happened, the Khomeyni regime managed to occupy strategic points in southern Kordestan. Meanwhile, the Komeleh group was provoking the KDP peshmerga, which also caused heavy losses to the inhabitants of the area.

Thus, it has become obvious that there is coordination between the provisional leadership and the Komeleh group. The objective of this coordination is just to split the Kurdish ranks.

Dear brothers and sisters: The Khomeyni regime considers the guards and army entrance of Bukan as a great victory. The inhabitants of Kordestan know very well that according to our party's program, we do not fight inside the cities lest we harm the innocent citizens. The residents of Bukan know this fact better than others. After the regime's forces entered Bukan, its mass media [words indistinct] 2 years ago the peshmerga liberated the city of Nowsud and they are still controlling the city. The peshmerga had defended Bukan for 6 days and dealt painful blows to the guards, mercenaries and traitors. The regime considers these blows as a victory.

I want to stress here that the peshmerga will not leave the land open for Khomeyni. The Khomeyni regime is helpless and is agonizing.

I want to stress that the armed struggle is rapidly increasing all over Iran.

[Words indistinct] and it is the time now that you move and prevent the guards and the army from getting out of your cities.

Oh militant Iranian peoples: The Khomeyni regime is about to collapse and the main duty now is to establish a democratic regime to replace the Islamic Republic.

It has always been known and established that the KDP has good relations of cooperation with the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization. This is not a tactical policy but it is a strategic objective. This cooperation has been further promoted recently and there is no obstacle in front of the establishment of a joint nationalist front between the two of us in order to overthrow the Khomeyni regime and establish a democratic regime instead, based on the principles of releasing all the free militants, dissolving the Revolution Courts, which are hostile to the people, and holding free elections.

The KDP and Mojahedin-e Khalq believe that all the oppressed Iranian peoples, particularly the Kurdish people, should have the right to autonomy. These principles have been included in the program of the government-in-exile that was announced by Brother Mas'ud Rajavi, whose slogan is: Democracy for Iran and autonomy for Kordestan.

The KDP welcomes this government-in-exile under the chairmanship of Brother Mas'ud Rajavi and expresses its support for the government's program.

Dear citizens: The coming weeks and months will witness the end of our dear country's problems. The Iranian people are earnestly anticipating the liberation and revolutionary powers, particularly in Kordestan, which will shoulder a great deal of the responsibilities.

Therefore, we should: first, unite our ranks in the confrontation of the enemy and expose the lies and rumors of its mass media; second, escalate the armed struggle and expose the regime's policy which serves imperialism but tries to appear in a different image [words indistinct].

Dear brothers and sisters: The time is suitable for overthrowing the Khomeyni regime which is occupying [words indistinct]. Victory over this regime is imminent, yet it needs a special force to strike on the regime. I hereby call on all KDP members, supporters and bold peshmerga in Kordestan [words indistinct] to defend the honor, integrity and freedom of Kordestan in particular and Iran in general. Victory is certain for the Iranian peoples and our wishes for happiness and prosperity to all of you dear citizens. [end recording]

NVOI CRITICIZES HARSH MEASURES AGAINST OPPONENTS

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[Unattributed commentary: "A Line of Distinction Should Be Drawn Between the Sworn Enemies of the Revolution and the Deceived"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The continuous plots of U.S. imperialism, the subversions of the compromising liberals, and the superficiality and monopolism of some of the authorities have finally led to the separation of those forces who can and must be in the same front and who should exert their efforts toward promoting the popular and anti-imperialist aims of the revolution.

The situation which today we are unfortunately observing in our homeland is a situation that pleases the leaders of world-devouring America and the other enemies of Iran. It is U.S. imperialism, by its agents and mercenaries, namely, the SAVAKist counterrevolutionaries, the shahlovers, the Maoist minigroups, and the leftist adventure-seekers that has propagated blind terrorism in our country. Without doubt, those who have fallen into the trap of the enemies of the revolution, who are acting against the gains of our nation's revolution, and who have attempted to create a bloodbath in our country in accordance with the Satanic plan of U.S. imperialism, should be punished for their criminal acts.

However, there is a difference between imperialist agents and the sworn enemies of our nation who have taken up arms and are fighting against the revolution, or who by planting bombs in this or that place cause people to be killed, and those individuals who have been deceived and who due to lack of experience and political knowledge have not been able to distinguish the right path and have actually fallen into the trap of the enemies and are voicing protest one way or another.

The interests of the Iranian revolution dictate that in the case of such deceived individuals one should refrain from resorting to severe measures and should adopt a policy of persuasion and guidance. The continuation of bloody domestic clashes is to the detriment of the revolution and its gains; in order to bring them to an end, one should beware of a vindictive attitude toward individuals who have not participated directly in acts of terrorism and subversion, for violence breeds violence. This is the very same thing that world-devouring America desires. Simultaneously with revolutionary decisiveness toward terrorist and subversive elements, the responsible officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran should adopt a policy of persuasion and guidance toward individuals who are essentially supporters of the revolution but who have been misled. It is only in such a case that the roots of the bloody clashes, which are being exacerbated by the United States, can be dried up, and peace and calm be established in the country.

It is on the basis of this indisputable principle that Imam Khomeyni, addressing the Revolution Courts, said: "These mischiefs should not cause the courts to lose control and act in excess of the law of Islam. The martyrdom of dear ones should not cause the courts to adopt more severe measures than are necessary." Yes, excess in acts of [word indistinct] toward individuals who have committed error in a certain stage of the revolution can cause irreparable damage to the unity of the true forces that support the revolution.

However, this under no circumstances means that a decisive attitude should not be adopted toward individuals who lead and carry out terrorist and subversive activities and who plant bombs. Severe measures and decisiveness in the case of such elements is an essential matter. However, a distinction should be made between the counterrevolutionaries, the terrorists, the saboteurs and deceived individuals who have not participated directly in such activities. Assassinations and killings on the one hand, and executions and imprisonment on the other cannot achieve anything.

A policy and an approach should be adopted whereby those large numbers of deceived individuals will recognize their errors and will join the sincere followers of the revolution's popular and anti-imperialist line. The Iranian revolution must advance in a popular and anti-imperialist direction. The efforts of everyone, of all the true revolutionary forces, whether religious or secular, especially of the Islamic Republic's officials, should be exerted toward this end, namely toward developing the revolution's front and isolating the counterrevolutionaries and their imperialist supporters.

REVOLUTION GUARDS ATTACKED IN AMOL 5 OCT

LD061814 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 6 Oct 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, during a patrol of the circular road of the city of Amol yesterday, our brothers in the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps became suspicious of passengers of two Peykan cars which had stopped under the pretext of changing tires. When our brother guards moved toward these two cars they suddenly came under armed attack from the cars' passengers. The brother guards returned the fire. When the Hezbollahi people of Amol heard the shooting, they came to help the brother guards. As a result of the exchange of fire, two of the armed assailants were killed and two others were wounded. One of the two Peykan cars was also set on fire. The other Peykan, a white car, and its passengers, who were probably wounded, succeeded in escaping.

The armed assailants left behind 5 Colts, 1 Uzi, 10 Uzi magazines and more than 200 Uzi cartridges.

During this incident one of the passersby who had enthusiastically helped the brother guards was wounded by the assailants' fire and was taken to Tehran. A 60-year-old man was also wounded and was taken to Amol hospital.

'HYPOCRITES' ATTACK KHORASAN PROSECUTOR'S HOUSE

GF071629 Mashhad Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Text] According to a report by the Public Relations Office of the Mashhad Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, a number of hypocrite terrorists broke the windows in the house of Brother Nowruz Golbaneh, interrogating prosecutor of the Bojnurd Islamic revolution prosecutor's office, at around midnight yesterday. Since Brother Golbaneh was still at the office, due to his considerable workload, they shot at his wife and relatives, who were asleep, and escaped. A young child and another person were wounded and are in a Bojnurd hospital.

SHIRAZ REVOLUTION GUARDS KILLED BY GUNMEN 7 OCT

GF071633 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Text] In an assassination attempt against brother guards this morning, three self-sacrificing brothers attained the goal of martyrdom and another three were wounded. The attempt was carried out at Gomrok Crossing at 0645 when occupants of a Toyota shot a number of Shiraz Islamic revolution guards while they were boarding a bus. According to our correspondent, the armed assailants fled from the scene of the crime after carrying out their inauspicious plot.

COMMUNIQUE 661 REPORTS MILITARY ACTIVITIES

LD071830 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Oct 81

[Communique 661 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God. The valiant combatants of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Armed Forces, with their surprising and crushing operations and by the fire of their heavy weapons against aggressor Saddam's army in the last 24 hours, have destroyed at least 16 tanks, personnel carriers and vehicles, 10 collective, individual and heavy machinegun entrenchments, 4 observation posts, 3 ammunition dumps, 2 mortars and a number of mortar entrenchments belonging to the enemy and killed or wounded 53 of Saddam's personnel. In addition, damages were inflicted upon a large quantity of the enemy's armored equipment.

Fire exchanges were in progress in almost all of the southern fronts. In Dezful's western region, our combatants, while defending their positions, silenced the enemy's artillery and by mounting mortar and artillery fire were able to destroy one enemy tank, two mortars and one crane. During these operations, two enemy artillery pieces were damaged and six of Saddam's personnel were killed.

In the same region one of our forces' patrol groups infiltrated the enemy positions and killed or wounded a large number of Saddam's soldiers and set on fire an enemy ammunition dump, using RPG-7's and rifle-propelled grenades.

Fire exchanges across the Karun River between our forces and those of the enemy were constantly continuing and, as a result of our valiant combatants' fire, 4 vehicles, 5 assembly points, and 1 ammunition-carrying truck were destroyed and at least 32 Iraqi personnel were killed or wounded.

The enemy's heavy-weaponry shelling of Abadan resulted in material losses as well as injuries to a number of Abadan's inhabitants.

At 1500 on 6 October one Islamic Republic of Iran Air Force fighter aircraft was shot down by the enemy in the Al-Faw region and (Ras al-Bisheh) airspace and crashed.

The Islamic Republic of Iran Gendarmerie valiants, using heavy weaponry, succeeded in destroying five enemy heavy-machine gun entrenchments, three observation posts and five collective and individual entrenchments on the other side of the Arvand Rud, killing a number of Saddam's personnel.

Our combatants set on fire and destroyed six enemy tanks in the Ahvaz region with the aid of the ground forces' artillery.

In the western operational regions, too, fire exchanges were in progress. On the Tang-e Hajiyan, Dar Ballut, Sar-e Pol-e Zahab, Bazi Deraz and (Sonnboleh) fronts, sporadic fire exchanges were in progress and in the regions of Shur-e Shirin, Kan-e Sakht, Meymak and Marivan, these exchanges were fierce.

In the Kan-e Sakht region, the gendarmerie combatants destroyed two enemy ammunition dumps and one observation post; on the Meymak front, while silencing the enemy fire, the gendarmerie destroyed a number of the aggressors' positions and inflicted casualties on them. A number of mortar trenches were set on fire in the Shur-e Shirin region. A combined group of the valiant combatants of the armed forces, corps and people's fighters, by closing the Panjwin-Sayyid Sadiq road from [words indistinct], destroyed an enemy motorized column consisting of 3 Russian-made personnel carriers, killing 8 Iraqi personnel and injuring another 10.

In the last 24 hours a number of Iraqi figher aircraft violated the western and southern war-stricken region's airspace, but were driven away by our defense units.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI REPORTS CHOLERA CASES

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[Text] Tehran, 8 Oct (AFP) -- Twenty-eight people died of cholera between September 19 and 26, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC newspaper reported today, quoting an Iranian Health Ministry statement.

Some 1,172 of 3,390 people reported to be suffering from vomiting and diarrhea during the same period had symptoms of the disease, the newspaper said.